First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

March 6, 2022
10:00 am

“Wilderness Companions”
1st Sunday in Lent
UCC Women’s Week

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **ERIC BANITT**

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today--the first Sunday in March--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in the month of March by singing "Happy Birthday."**

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce Roomie Greeter, **Patty Sherwood**, and Zoomie greeter, **Ellie Gusman**.
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - If you are a Roomie, please come to the pulpit/podium to make your announcement or use the handheld microphone offered by the Roomie Greeter so all can hear. Please do the same when offering a prayer request.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service.**
  - **If you are worshiping as a Zoomie, please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing.**
  - **If you are worshiping as a Roomie, please bring your own elements or pick-up the pre-packaged elements on the table near the entrance.**
  - **If using the pre-packaged elements, remove the white paper covering one side at a time—beginning with the wafer side. After eating the bread, flip over and open the juice side.**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Enter My Heart"
39 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: Gather to remember and share stories of faith; rejoice in the goodness of the loving God.

People: Before our stories began, there was God; through all our days, God walks with us.

Leader: Worship the one who gives and sustains life; sing praises to the one who is our refuge.

People: There is no place we can go where God is not; amid life's terrors, God's promises hold true.

Leader: Delight in God, whose protection we enjoy; dance with the God who frees us for new possibilities.

People: We call out to God, expecting to be heard; we listen, knowing there is truth to be received.

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Heart the Voice of God, So Tender"
174 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Deuteronomy 26:1-11** **DONNA EYSTER**

SECOND READING **Luke 4:1-13** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Savior, When in Tears and Dust"
185 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Wilderness Companions"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

*Roomies: Please come to the pulpit/podium or use the hand-held microphone so all can hear.

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

To God, our Comfort in suffering, our Joy in sadness, our Strength in fear,
our Hope in despair, accompany your creation through every season.
We dream of a reality only you know.
We picture a world of love and acceptance, of selflessness and sincerity.
God, help us make this dream known.
When we are in the wilderness, we fight for the world we desire to reveal.
Fight with us; fight for us.
Build up our resolve as we drag our feet in the desert. Fill us with your Spirit.
Help us forgive others when we don't want to forgive.
Remind us of our origin and what it means to be a source of light.
In your power, may it be so. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offertory plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **ERIC BANITT**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer the best we can give.
Guide our use of this precious trust, that it may be spent in ways you choose,
in places where you would send us, for the sake of people among whom you wish to dwell.
May we bear witness to your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives.
Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes,
and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"
342 NCH

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing is optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling"
43 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: Go now; God will dwell with you and bless you.

People: All that we have is a gift from God; everywhere we go, we are with our creator.

Leader: Walk in the ways of God, rejoicing in God's goodness; the Most High will honor your calls and protect you.

People: We call on God's name as we scatter once more; our prayers will continue in every day and place.

Leader: Know that Christ Jesus was raised from death for you. Continue in faith, sharing the good news.

People: We rejoice in our salvation and claim our healing. We offer renewal and hope to the world.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **ERIC BANITT**

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid (In-person & Zoom) Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Donna Eyster, Worship Leader
Patty Sherwood, Roomie Greeter
Ellie Gusman, Zoomie Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Technical Coordinator
Covid Health Advisor, Patty Sherwood

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ANNOUNCEMENT

HYBRID WORSHIP IS BACK!!!!
Some of us will be in person in the worship space and others will be on Zoom, but we will still all be one worshiping community of faith seekers.

Lenten Devotionals: The Long Haul

Lenten daily devotionals written by the **Stillspeaking Writers' Group** are now available. They are accessible by PDF download, which the church has purchased. There is a sign-up sheet at the bulletin table by the door. Sign it with you email address if you would like a download and I will see that you get one or email me at margaretsharner@gmail.com

March Birthdays: Today--the first Sunday in March--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in the month of March by singing "Happy Birthday." If you have not already done so, please send Patty Sherwood, Clerk, psherwood48@comcast.net the month of your birthday so we can celebrate together.

Worship Next Week: Tito Schwabe, Worship Leader; Sue Schuon, Room Greeter; Dan Kidder-McQuown, Zoom Greeter. Interested in serving as a Worship Leader or Greeter, contact Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

New Church Council Meeting Time: Church Council has moved to a new time to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Once a month, our Church Council Meeting will take the place of the weekly Worship Team Meeting. Our next Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday**, **March 14, 11:30 am** on church Zoom. Donna Eyster, Church Moderator, Zoom Host.

Worship Team Meeting Time: Non-Church Council Mondays from 11:30 am to noon:
If you have a role in leading worship (Worship Leader, Greeter, Guest Preacher or are just someone interested in seeing how worship evolves) please join our lively conversation by attending the Monday meeting sharing your creativity, ideas and feedback. Thank you to Core Worship Team Members: Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director; Donna Eyster, Moderator; Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator; Wayne Burling, Technical Coordinator; and Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern for collaborating in worship planning. Meeting on church Zoom Account. Pastor Liz Zoom host.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.com or 734-662-5803

Prayers for Peace: As our heart and minds are consumed by the atrocities taking place in Ukraine, I share a piece sent by **Witness for Justice (WFJ),** the United Church of Christ

Below is an excerpt from **Ukraine, and Beyond,**

written by **Peter Makari, Executive for Middle East and Europe, Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ; and Team Leader for Global Ministries, Cleveland.**

To help Ukraine fend off attack, the US approved military aid for Ukraine. "Swift and severe" sanctions were immediately put in place on Russia, which were designed to "impose a severe cost" on the Russian economy. Some US governors urged a boycott of Russian products in protest of the invasion.

The implications of the invasion are being felt by Ukrainians whose homes and communities are under attack. More than 800,000 Ukrainians are already displaced either within the country's borders or seeking refuge in neighboring countries (as of March 1); and some millions more could ultimately be forced to flee.

The principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force is embedded in international law and the UN Charter and must be upheld. Russia must be held accountable, and the Ukrainian people, especially the most vulnerable, must be cared for, with their full rights and their full dignity. Europe, the US, and many around the world are rallying in support of Ukraine in global solidarity, including praising Ukrainians' valiant resistance to the invasion and occupation of their homeland.

Even as the world's attention is on Ukraine, there are other places in the world where international law is ignored with no outcry or accountability. One such case is the Israeli occupation and annexation of Palestinian lands and people, which has continued for decades. Israel continues to receive billions of dollars in military aid, despite its military occupation. Sanctions are not on the table. Boycotts have been made illegal in some of the same US states that now support boycotts of Russian products. Palestinian resistance to occupation is maligned, and Palestinian refugees are marginalized.

Can this broad support and insistence on international law in the case of the Ukraine be a sign that the principles and structures established to preserve and promote peace will be respected? Will it serve to be a rallying cry for a consistent application of international law?

We pray for a peaceful, prompt, and just resolution to the crisis in Ukraine with no more suffering and pain. And we pray that past, present, and future victims of violations of law and justice the world over find some recompense in regular, consistent, and robust insistence on the application of international law and principles of human rights—for the sake of the dignity of humanity

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SPECIAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

Special Meeting of the Michigan Conference UCC, Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Conference UCC sends this notice of a Special Conference Meeting for the election of and call to **Rev Dr. Lillian Daniel** to become the **Settled Michigan Conference Minister**. (*Dr. Daniel's bio is on the subsequent page of this bulletin.)*

Dr. Daniel was identified by the Search Committee and affirmed by the Board of Directors.
There will be two "meet and greets" for Conference Members to Pameet the candidate.

Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Friday, March 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

All "meet and greets" and the Conference Special Meeting will be conducted via Zoom.

Pastor Liz was a member of the Search Committee.

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A **GoFundMe** initiative has been setup by Michigan Immigration Rights Center(MIRC), Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) and St.Mary's Catholic Student Parish to support Santos. The GoFundMe link https://gofund.me/db785b57

Hospitalized Mom Needs Our Help After Being Hit By Car in AAPS School Parking Lot

A single immigrant mother of two Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) students is hospitalized with severe injuries as the result of a car accident while she was picking up her kindergarten child from elementary school. Due to some AAPS bus service routes being suspended recently, this mom was doing school pick-up herself. She was walking through the school parking lot when a car slammed into her. She was rushed to the hospital, spent time in the ICU and continues to require significant long-term medical intervention at the hospital. She has lost income that she uses to support her children. Her younger child also has special medical needs. An extended family member has come from out-of-state to care for her children during her hospital stay and gradual recovery, which is expected to last months.

We at **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR)** have known this immigrant mom for many years. She has lived in Washtenaw County for more than 15 years. Several years ago her husband, and father of her children, was detained by ICE while driving their youngest child to the hospital; he was subsequently deported. This left her alone to care for her children and support the entire family. WICIR has accompanied her over the years through many challenges. This recent turn of events, however, is an unforeseen disaster with both short- and long-term implications. It is anticipated that she will need long-term rehabilitation before she can return home to her children.

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (MIRC), who is providing Santos with no-cost legal assistance, **St. Mary's Catholic Chapel,** and **WICIR** are reaching out to ask for not only financial support for her, but also asking that you will help us distributing this GoFundMe link and her story to others in your orbits as we strive to tell her story to our larger communities. As you can imagine, financial support is urgently needed, especiallyregarding housing, food for the children, and assistance for her family members who havecome from far away and left work to help support her and the kids. Please give what youcan to bring a little light and hope to this family in crisis.

For more information on the immigrant support groups above, please see WICIR www.wicir.org and MIRC www.michiganimmigrant.org websites

The Rev Dr. Lillian Daniel

Lillian Daniel is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher and writer who cares deeply about clergy and congregations. After serving four unique congregations in the UCC, she now feels called by the Holy Spirit to leadership as the next Conference Minister of Michigan.

A graduate of Yale Divinity School, she began her ministry as an Associate Pastor at a large church in Cheshire, Connecticut. From there she became a Solo Pastor at a small urban church in New Haven, Connecticut where the choir outnumbered the congregation, but over eight years, they grew to become a vibrant, interracial, community, that also became Open and Affirming. This would be the first of three churches to go through the Open and Affirming process under her pastoral leadership, which also includes extensive experience organizing for justice in politically diverse settings, serving on the boards of Interfaith Worker Justice and the Community Renewal Society. After ten years as a Senior Pastor at a large church in the western suburbs of Chicago, she moved to the beautiful driftless region of Dubuque, Iowa, where she has been Senior Pastor at an historic urban church since 2016.

In the United Church of Christ, she has the distinction of having been a General Synod delegate from all of the three conferences she has served: Connecticut, Illinois and Iowa. A regular writer for the UCC Stillspeaking Devotionals, she was a founding member of the UCC Writer's Group that has produced many written materials for the denomination and in Iowa, she is currently a member of her association's Committee on Ministry.

Lillian Daniel is also a widely read author whose latest book, *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To* generated international conversation about the changing religious landscape. It continues the theme of her 2013 book *When 'Spiritual But Not Religious' Is Not Enough* about the growing number of people who claim "none" as their religious preference. Featured in the New York Times and on PBS, Lillian Daniel's writing has been described as "biting, hilarious, pitch perfect, tender, and often stunningly beautiful," and her book *This Odd and Wondrous Calling* is taught in many seminaries.

Passionate about faith formation for both clergy and laity, Lillian Daniel currently teaches UCC History and Polity at Chicago Theological Seminary where she is also on the Board of Trustees. She has taught preaching at a number of schools, including University of Chicago, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and Yale Divinity School, although she can't be held responsible for everyone who falls asleep in church. Perhaps most importantly, at every church she has served, numerous church members and seminarians have felt the call to become pastors and they now serve at churches across the world.

Lillian Daniel has spoken at the National Cathedral, Duke Chapel, King's College, London and Queen's College, Ontario, and now she looks forward to speaking at UCC churches across the Michigan Conference, with a focus on communication, connection and celebration, as together we discern what our still speaking God is calling us to do next.

For more information, see LillianDaniel.com

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Enter My Heart

1/2

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1. En - ter my heart, en - ter my heart, O
2. En - ter my mind, en - ter my mind, O
3. En - ter my life, en - ter my life, O
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Spir - it of pow'r and love.
Spir - it of pow'r and love.
Spir - it of pow'r and love.
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May I pro - claim your ho - ly name. O
In me in - crease your ho - ly peace. O
May I ful - fill your ho - ly will. O

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As an alternative:

"Enter our hearts...may we proclaim..."

"Enter our minds...in us increase..."

"Enter our lives...may we fulfill..."

174 Hear the Voice of God, So Tender

1/2

Mark 2:21–22; Ps. 103

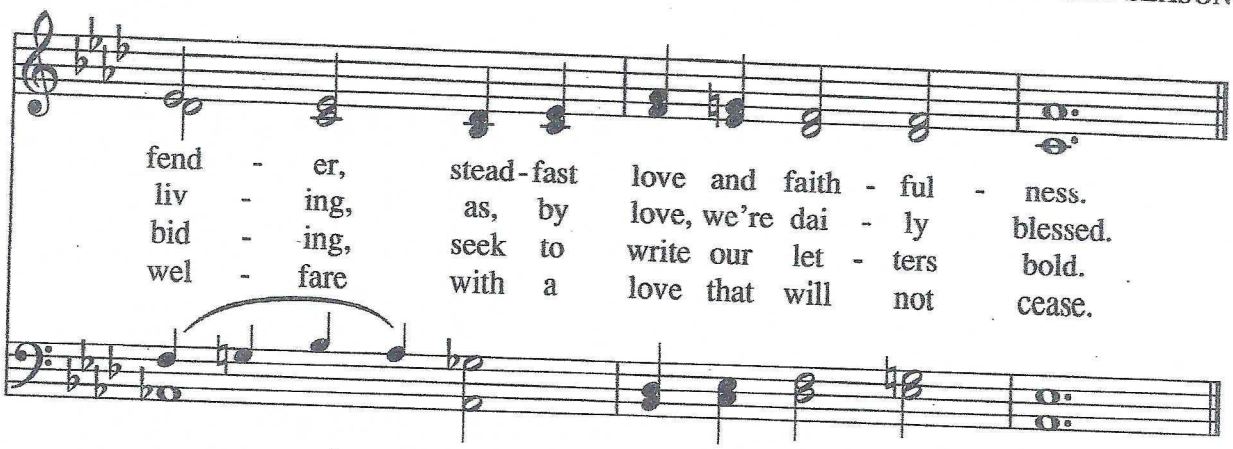
Lavon Bayler, 1987; rev. 1993

Introduction *Unison*

1 Hear the voice of God, so ten - der, gath-ering
2 God is heal-ing and for - giv - ing crea-tures
3 Lis-tening to the Spir-it's guid-ing, breath be -
4 Shed the old wine-skins of war-fare for the
us in righ - teous - ness, Giv - ing, as our sure de - fend - er,
who are sore dis - tressed, O - pening doors to hope-ful liv - ing,
yond the writ - ten code, We, in cov - e - nant a - bid - ing,
fresh new wines of peace, Know-ing God sus - tains our wel - fare
stead-fast love and faith-ful - ness. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,
as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,
seek to write our let - ters bold. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,
with a love that will not cease. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,
as the Spir - it brings new life. Giv - ing, as our sure de -
as the Spir - it brings new life. O - pening doors to hope-ful
as the Spir - it brings new life. We, in cov - e - nant a -
as the Spir - it brings new life. Know-ing God sus - tains our

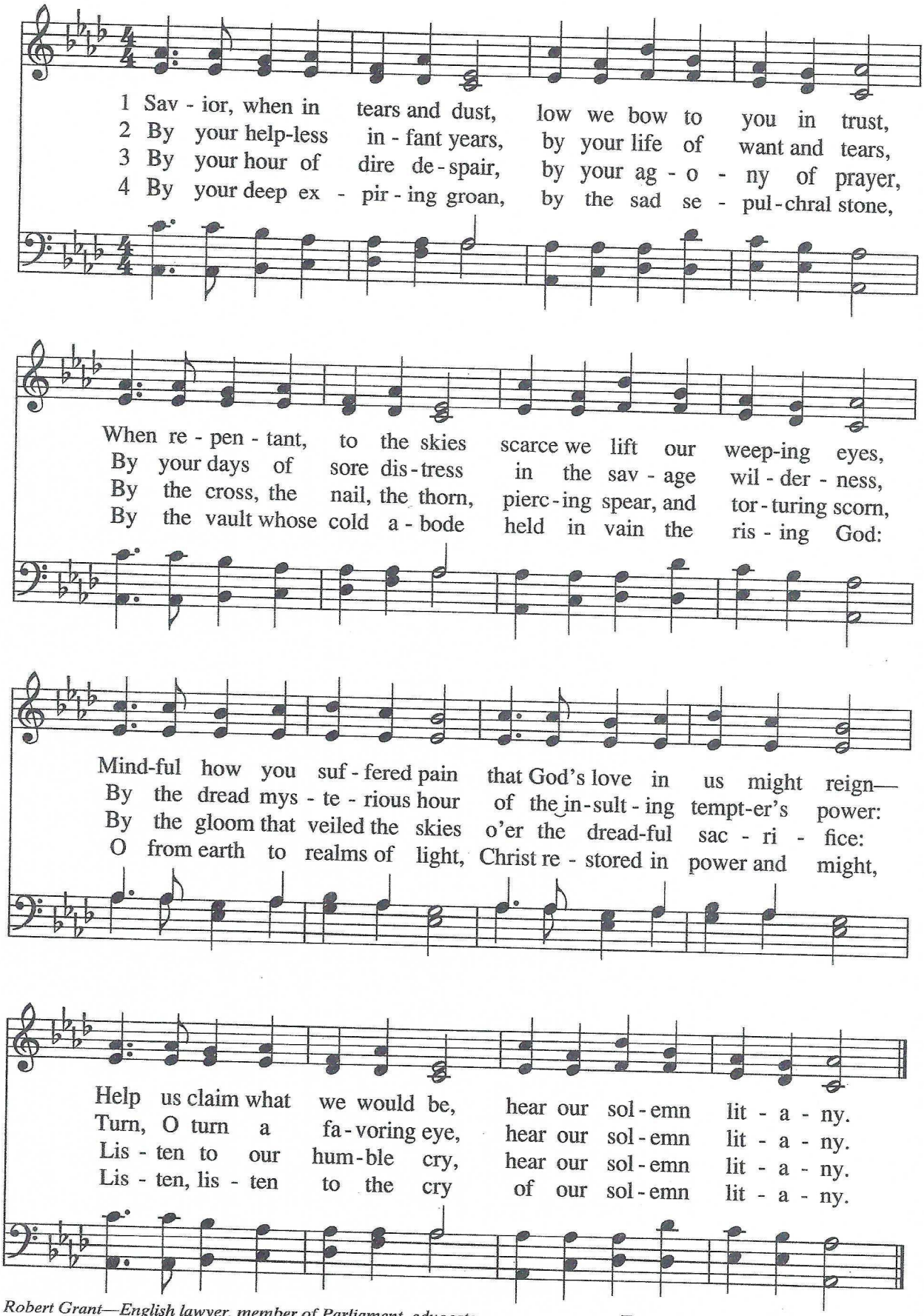
This is one of the hundreds of hymn texts Lavon Bayler has provided in her books of liturgical resources related to the common lectionary. It appears in the volume for year B, aptly titled Whispers of God.

Tune: RAQUEL 8.7.8.7.D.
Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1985
Alternate tune: BEACH SPRING


fend - er, stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.
liv - ing, as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed.
bid - ing, seek to write our let - ters bold.
wel - fare with a love that will not cease.

Savior, When in Tears and Dust

Robert Grant, 1815; alt.


1 Sav - ior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,
2 By your help-less in - fant years, by your life of want and tears,
3 By your hour of dire de - spair, by your ag - o - ny of prayer,
4 By your deep ex - pir - ing groan, by the sad se - pul - chral stone,
When re - pen - tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes,
By your days of sore dis - tress in the sav - age wil - der - ness,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn,
By the vault whose cold a - bode held in vain the ris - ing God:
Mind-ful how you suf - fered pain that God's love in us might reign—
By the dread mys - te - rious hour of the in - sult - ing tempt-er's power:
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac - ri - fice:
O from earth to realms of light, Christ re - stored in power and might,
Help us claim what we would be, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
Turn, O turn a fa - voring eye, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, hear our sol - emn lit - a - ny.
Lis - ten, lis - ten to the cry of our sol - emn lit - a - ny.

Robert Grant—English lawyer, member of Parliament, advocate general, humanitarian, and author of a number of significant hymns—was born in India. He returned near the end of his life to become governor of Bombay.

Tune: SPANISH HYMN 7.7.7.7.D.
Traditional melody
Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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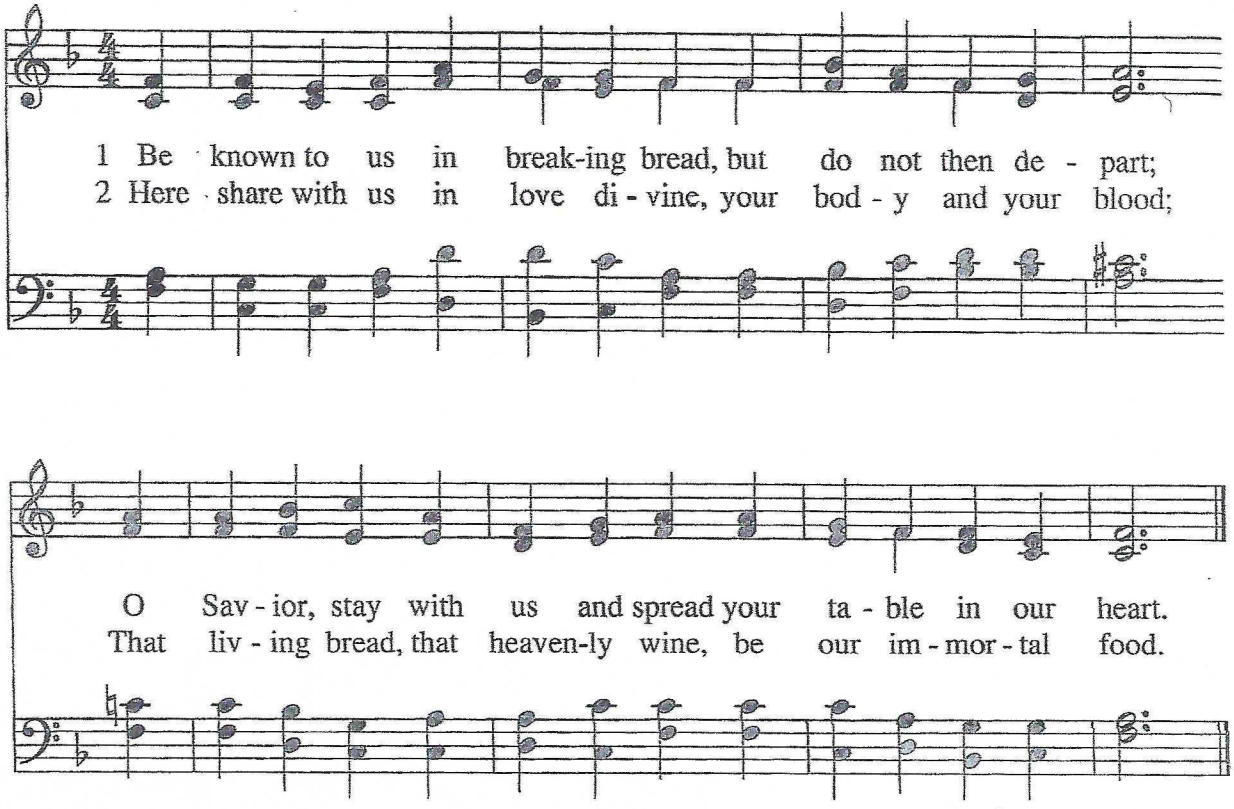
James Montgomery, 1825; alt.

Luke 24:30–31, 35


1 Be known to us in break-ing bread, but do not then de - part;
2 Here share with us in love di - vine, your bod - y and your blood;
O Sav - ior, stay with us and spread your ta - ble in our heart.
That liv - ing bread, that heaven-ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

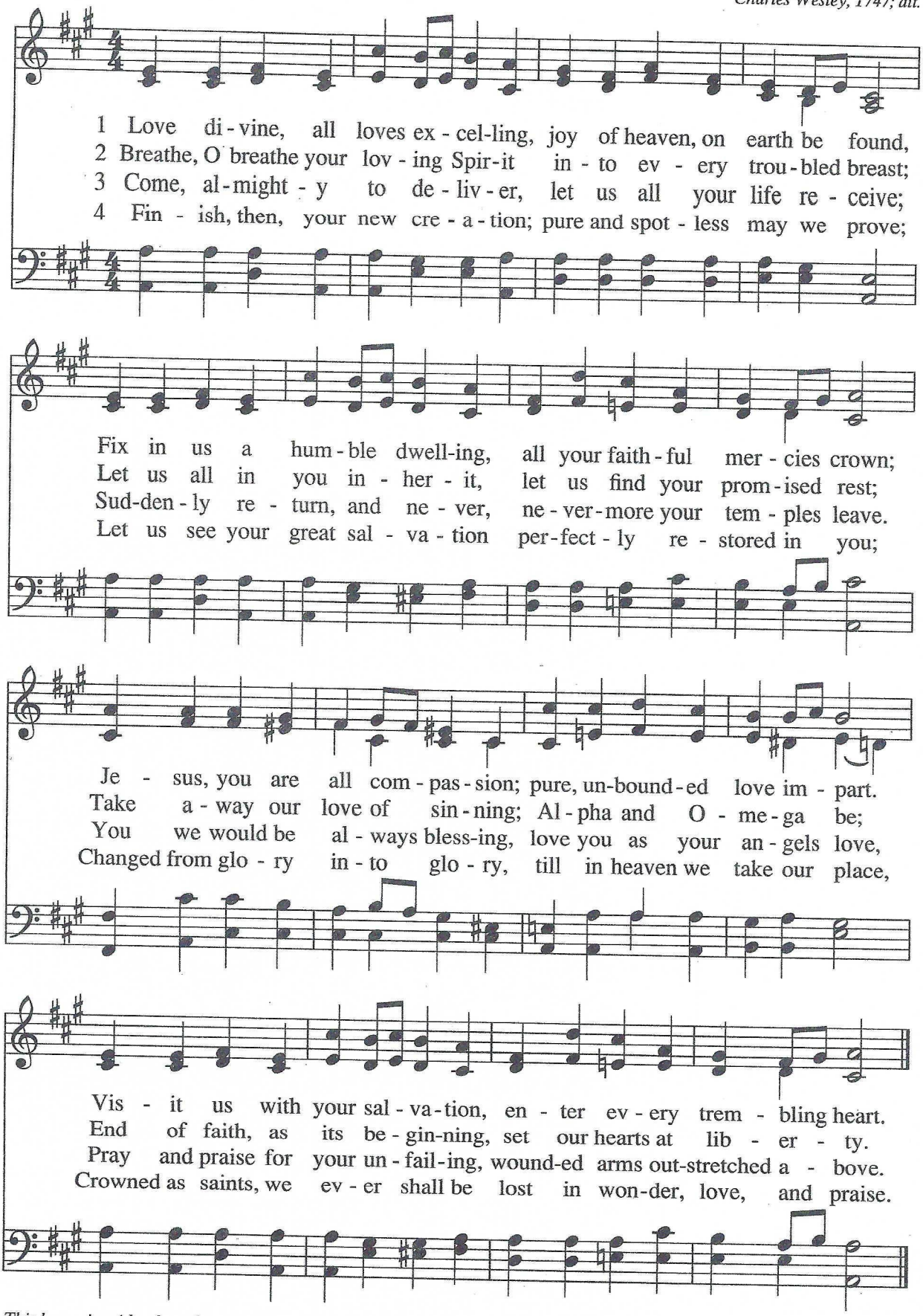
This hymn is sometimes found as the second and third stanzas of an American hymn, "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless." Montgomery—Moravian poet, journalist, humanitarian, and author of more than 400 hymns—titled this hymn "The Family Table."

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN C.M.
Day, The Whole Booke of Psalms, *1562*

43 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.


1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;
Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. *It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1855
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL
For another harmonization, see 368, 495